

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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**AR NOTICE CP-11**

**For:** All FSA County Offices

**Numbering of CRP Fields**

**Approved by:** State Executive Director



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Current policy and software does not support alpha characters (subdivisions) as part of the permanent CLU layer. As a result, GIS contractors are unable to enter CRP subdivisions since they cannot label them with an alpha character (e.g., 2A, 2B, etc.).

**B Purpose**

To change policy on the numbering of CRP fields to permanent whole number fields.

**2 Action**

**A State Office Action**

The STO is approving a policy change requiring that CRP subdivisions (and the balance of the acreage in the field) be renumbered with whole numbers as permanent fields. This will allow CRP fields to appear as part of the permanent CLU layer and permit the COF to query by contract type, rental rate, expiration date, etc.

**B County Office Action**

County offices shall:

- Draw boundaries of CRP on hard copy photography.
- Label (or relabel) the CRP field, as well as the balance of the field with the next highest whole numbers available on the tract and the applicable acreage.  
(Reference: 2-CP, paragraph 494H)
- Advise NRCS of the field number changes.

**Disposal Date**

March 1, 2005

9-2-04

**Distribution**

All County Offices

**3 Clarification**

GIS acreage reporting software will permit subdivisions as part of the acreage reporting layer; it is just that the permanent CLU layer does not.

This policy only applies to CRP subdivisions. Planting subdivisions subject to annual change should not be numbered as permanent fields and should not appear as part of the permanent CLU layer.

**4 Contact Person**

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